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The completed FERGANA-canal leads the water of the NARYN-river into the FERGANA-plain for the irrigation of 217,000 hectares of cotton soil. 16,000,000 cbm of earth were moved within 45 days, which corresponds to about the half of the earth moving work at the SUEZ-canal, which was completed after a construction period of 10 years. Three more FERGANA-projects are used for the irrigation of 70,000 hectars of agricultural soil and the FERCHAND-STROY-power plant for 120,000 hectares. Several canals are under construction in the same district. This sun-dried country, which was unused up to now, will be altered into a district for the production of cotton with the purpose to supply Europe.

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The construction of the largest electric station in Uzbekistan has been completed on the big Fergansk canal named after Stalin, and work on the electrification of the kolkhozes of the Izbaskenskiy and Maskawskiy Rayons of the Andizhan Oblest has now begun. (Moscow, Sept. 5, 1955 -- E)

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Two years before the Great Patriotic War, some 160,000 Uzbek and Tajik collective farmers, in fulfilment of a promise given to Stalin, dug the Great Ferghana Canal, the biggest piece of irrigation engineering in the Soviet Union. Working according to former standards, a job like this would have taken several years; but thanks to the patriotic enthusiasm of the masses it was performed in six weeks. Such is the potency of free collective labor.